THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WASHINGTON

Dear John:

12 APR 1963

I concur in your view that it is highly desirable to continue the work of the DOD/CIA Joint Analysis Group. I believe that the intelligence considerations contained in the Group's initial study will prove to be very helpful to our planners. I consider it most important that we continue to enhance and refine our demonstrated capabilities in this regard.

Your proposed areas of future study are considered to be appropriate to our current and future needs. It is recognized that costing analyses, which are heavily stressed in these study areas, are of great importance. The validity of such costing, however, can be no greater than the validity of the military estimates from which they stem. I therefore urge that the greatest care be taken and all DOD, DIA and your own resources be employed to assure that these military assessments are the best that can be made.

General Carroll agrees with your proposal, and we will therefore continue the DOD/CIA Joint Analysis Group as a productive adjunct to the community intelligence effort.

Sincerely,

Mr. John McCone

Director, Central Intelligence Agency

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